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SUBJ: AGREEMENTS ON CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

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1. PROCEDURE BEING FOLLOWED IN PRC-CANADIAN NEGOTIATIONS IS TO DRAW UP TWO AGREEMENTS CONSISTING OF STATE-TO-STATE AGREEMENT ON GENERAL COMMITMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN NON OR QUASI-OFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS. IN LATTER CASE, AGREEMENT WILL BE BETWEEN CHINESE EXHIBITION COUNCIL OF ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM AND CHINESE COMMITTEE FOR ORGANIZING EXHIBITIONS OF ARCHEOLOGICAL FINDS.

2. WE ASSUME THAT CHINESE ANTICIPATE FOLLOWING SAME PROCEDURE IN NEGOTIATING ON U.S. EXHIBITION. ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY IN CHINESE DEALING WITH ORGANIZATION SET UP ALONG LINES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH TWO REFTTEL.

3. USLO WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PRESENCE IN PEKING OF JOHN CARTER BROWN AT TIME OF NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, CANADIANS ARE CONTEMPLATING SIGNING NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT IN CANADA SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY FOR EXHIBITION. U.S. ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER SIMILAR PROCEDURE. CHINESE, IN FACT, INDICATED TO CANADIANS THAT THEY

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PREFERRED SIGNING IN CANADA.

4. IN ADDITION, WE ANTICIPATE TOUGH BARGAINING SESSIONS
AHEAD ON U.S. PHASE OF EXHIBITION, PARTICULARLY WITH
RESPECT TO MOVEMENT TO OTHER CITIES, ADDITIONAL ITEMS IN
EXHIBITION, AND ABOVE ALL "HOST ARTISTIC CONTROL DOMINANT"
PRINCIPLE. WE LEAVE IT TO DEPARTMENT TO JUDGE
WHETHER BROWN'S PRESENCE WOULD FACILITATE NEGOTIATING
PROCESS UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. IN HIS ABSENCE, IT
MIGHT BE THAT NECESSITY TO REFER CERTAIN ISSUES TO WASHINGTON
FOR DECISION COULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ATMOSPHERICS.
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